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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Time Consumption on Payment of Invoices

1. I don't know whether you took any action on my previous suggestion that it would be interesting to find out how long it takes us to pay our bills, but I wish here to emphasize the point with the following about which circumstance you will please do nothing because I have it in hand.

We have not paid our [redacted] Company bill - overdue some four months. By pushing on the matter, we got to the [redacted] Company the \$2,000 check provided for in the basic contract. Their bill, however, was \$341.00 more but nobody seemed interested in paying them anything until the matter was pushed by me. The \$2,000 check went out within the last 10 days.

For the remaining \$341.00, the contract had to be amended but nobody brought up the question of getting it amended until pushed. Then I got instructions how to amend it and so I promptly wrote an amending memorandum. This was not satisfactory, and again no one told me about it. Then three weeks elapsed, and again I have to go pushing. So, this morning with the Logistics Office and the General Counsel I signed an amending document that suits them.

From this point on, I am going to personally hand-carry so that [redacted] gets paid. In the meanwhile, I have twice called the Vice President of the [redacted] Company to express chagrin and apologies.

2. Therefore, even though one swallow does not make a summer, I think it desirable to ask the Comptroller for a little rundown as suggested.

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TO: [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]